

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the last paragraph on page 3 with the following amended paragraph:

--Another object of the present invention is to provide a method for animal training which features systematic and progressive removal of elements of the apparatus once the animal has ~~been~~ been trained--.

Please replace lines 4-5 at page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

--This application claims priority from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/757,767 filed January 10, 2001 which claims priority from ~~of~~ Provisional Application Serial No. 60/175,898 filed January 13, 2000--.